

Oklahoma State Senate

Brian Bingman
President Pro Tempore



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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

In the Oklahoma State Senate, our priority is job creation and economic development, particularly for the rural areas of our state that may not have access to the same type of services and infrastructure as our urban areas. Our main focus has been on reducing regulations and red tape that hold business back and slow investment, and we've been successful at creating a pro-business environment in our state.

But in order to keep our economy growing, we need to ensure that everyone in our state has access to the technology and information that are the lifeblood of the modern economy. Regardless of whether you are launching a tech startup or are a cattle rancher, access to high-speed mobile broadband service is crucial to the success of your business. That's why I write to urge your support of the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. This merger will bring mobile broadband to nearly every part of Oklahoma, eliminating disparities in coverage and transforming the business climate across the state.

The expansion of high-speed mobile broadband service that will result from this merger will help our state in other ways. It holds the potential to bring the latest in health care technologies and educational opportunities to rural communities while providing faster, more reliable coverage to people in every region of Oklahoma.

Oklahoma is a state on the move, and AT&T's merger with T-Mobile will help us keep moving in the right direction by adding new technologies, economic investment, and job creation. I urge your support for this merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Bingman".
Brian Bingman, President Pro Tempore
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